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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action dated January 3, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.